

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, April 18, 1879, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. Washington, Friday 18, April 1879. My dear Alec:

I have just sent Cousin Sam off with a hasty squibble, b u t it is not yet post time and I will venture another letter to you. I do want to see you awfully and now that Cousin Sam has gone and carried off all excitement with him, gloom hangs heavy on my head.

I have been going over a box of your English letters and found a few letters of Dr. Channing's and put them and all Papa's to you in England on one side in case you want them. This f a fternoon I'll go over those on the shelf. I found a letter to you from a Providence gentleman suggesting your inventing an "Accoustograph" which shall record sound, the phonograph in fact.

Sister thinks opening the mouth in my picture has spoilt instead of increasing the likeness, beside destroying all the beauty of the picture.

I want you to come home and talk with Papa about his going abroad. I feel so miserable about it.

I have bought myself a dress with my own money presuming of course that you will repay me. It is a sort of grey trimmed with dark cherry colored silk, hope you will like it.

Mamma had a dinner party yesterday for Cousin Sam but said she took no interest in it because it was not for you and was not going to help you in any way. I can't find that key yet it is somewhere around. It shall be sent as soon as found to you or Willie. Make him out a power.

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Elsie is getting unhappy, so goodbye, Yours ever